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Ms. Sue Burr, Executive Director California State Board of Education 1430 N Street, Suite 5111 Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Support of Recommendation by California Department of Education of the Calexico Unified School District's Specific Waiver Request, Form ITAP-1 (Education Code 46206)

Dear Ms. Burr:

I write in support of the CDE recommendation to the State Board of Education that it approve the specific waiver request from Calexico Unified School District (CUSD) in accordance with Education Code 46206, Form ITAP-1.

It is my understanding from Mr. Scott Hannan that the CDE has closely reviewed documentation submitted by the CUSD related to instructional days and minutes requirements. The CDE has determined after a careful and detailed analysis that the CUSD has/is making up the lost instructional minutes and days from the 2009-2010 academic year to a level that meets the threshold of State Board of Education approval.

I understand that I have no approval or disapproval authority on this matter; however I want to go on the record to support the CDE recommendation. Calexico Unified School District serves some of the most impoverished children in our state; they need and deserve the required instructional time afforded to all children in California. I support the recommendation from the California Department of Education with the understanding that the Calexico Unified School District has/is making up the lost instructional time.

Respectfully,

Anne Mallory, Imperial County Superintendent of Schools

Cc: Scott Hannan Christine Gordon